

E-FILED ON JULY 28, 2006

1 ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP
 2 MARC A. LEVINSON, ESQ. (CA Bar No. 57613)
 3 LYNN TRINKA ERNCE, ESQ. (CA Bar No.
 179212)
 4 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 3000
 Sacramento, California 95814
 Telephone: (916) 447-9200
 Facsimile: (916) 329-4900
 5 E-mail: malevinson@orrick.com
lernce@orrick.com

STUTMAN, TREISTER & GLATT, P.C.
 FRANK A. MEROLA (CA Bar No. 136934)
 EVE H. KARASIK (CA Bar No. 155356),
 CHRISTINE M. PAJAK (CA Bar No. 217173
 1901 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor
 Los Angeles, California 90067
 Telephone: (310) 228-5600
 Facsimile: (310) 228-5788
 E-mail: fmerola@stutman.com
ekarasik@stutman.com
cpajak@stutman.com

7 Bob L. Olson (Nevada Bar No. 3783)
 Anne M. Loraditch (Nevada Bar No. 8164)
 8 BECKLEY SINGLETON, CHTD.
 530 Las Vegas Boulevard South
 Las Vegas, NV 89101
 Telephone: (702) 385-3373
 Facsimile: (702) 385-5024
 10 Email: bolson@beckleylaw.com;
aloraditch@beckleylaw.com

James Patrick Shea (Nevada Bar No. 405)
 Candace C. Carlyon (Nevada Bar No. 2666)
 Shlomo S. Sherman (Nevada Bar No. 9688)
 SHEA & CARLYON, LTD.
 233 South Fourth Street, Second Floor
 Las Vegas, NV 89101
 Telephone: (702) 474-7432
 Facsimile: (702) 471-7435
 Email: jshea@sheacarlyon.com
ccarlyon@sheacarlyon.com
ssherman@sheacarlyon.com

13 *Counsel for Official Committee of Equity Security
 Holders of USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund,
 LLC*

*Counsel for the Official Committee of Equity Security
 Holders of USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC*

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

17 In re:
 18 USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY,
 Debtor.

Case No. BK-S-06-10725 LBR
 Case No. BK-S-06-10726 LBR
 Case No. BK-S-06-10727 LBR
 Case No. BK-S-06-10728 LBR
 Case No. BK-S-06-10729 LBR
 Chapter 11

19 In re:
 USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS, LLC,
 Debtor.

Jointly Administered Under
 Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR

20 In re:
 USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED
 FUND, LLC,
 Debtor.

**JOINT RESPONSE OF
 THE FUND COMMITTEES TO
 DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR
 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES
 FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION
 AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
 EXPENSES OF PROFESSIONALS
 (AFFECTS ALL DEBTORS)**

21 In re:
 USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, LLC,
 Debtor.

Date: August 4, 2006
 Time: 9:30 a.m.
 Place: Courtroom #1

22 In re:
 USA SECURITIES, LLC,
 Debtor.

1 Affects:

- 2 All Debtors
 3 USA Commercial Mortgage Company
 USA Securities, LLC
 USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC
 USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC
 USA First Trust Deed Fund, LLC

5 **TO THE HONORABLE LINDA B. RIEGLE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:**

6 The Official Committee of Equity Security Holders of USA Capital Diversified
 7 Trust Deed Fund, LLC (the “Diversified Trust Deed Committee”) and the Official Committee
 8 of Equity Security Holders of USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC (the “First Trust Deed
 9 Committee,” and together with the Diversified Trust Deed Committee, the “Fund Committees”)
 10 appointed in the above-captioned bankruptcy cases (collectively, the “Chapter 11 Cases”),
 11 hereby jointly respond (the “Response”) to the Debtors’ Application For Administrative Order
 12 Establishing Procedures For Interim Compensation And Reimbursement Of Expense Of
 13 Professionals (the “Interim Fee Procedures Motion”).¹ In support of this Response, the Fund
 14 Committees respectfully represent as follows:

15 **THE PROPOSED INTERIM FEE PROCEDURES**

16 1. In the Interim Fee Procedures Motion, the Debtors request that the
 17 Court enter an order establishing a procedure for the payment of interim compensation and the
 18 reimbursement of expenses of the professionals retained by the Debtors and by the four official
 19 committees in the Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors’ proposal is that estate professionals be
 20 permitted to apply for compensation and reimbursement of expenses on a monthly basis, rather
 21 than every 120 days (as provided in Bankruptcy Code section 331), and the Debtors would be
 22 authorized to pay such professionals an amount equaling 80% of the amount of compensation
 23 requested for the month, with the remaining 20% to be withheld, and one hundred percent of
 24 expenses requested for the month, subject to the limited review process set forth in the Interim

25
 26
 27 1 Terms not defined herein have the same meanings as ascribed to them in the Interim Fee
 28 Procedures Motion.

1 Fee Procedures Motion.² The monthly payments, as well as withheld amounts, would be subject
 2 to the Court's subsequent approval as part of the normal fee application process, which would
 3 occur approximately every 120 days.

4 2. When the Debtors first filed their Interim Fee Procedures Motion, the
 5 Fund Committees initially had significant concerns regarding the appropriateness of establishing
 6 interim fee procedures in the Chapter 11 Cases. Due to recent developments and progress in the
 7 Chapter 11 Cases, and the Debtors' agreement to address a major concern of the Fund
 8 Committees regarding the allocation of the Debtors' professional fees, the Fund Committees'
 9 concerns have largely been alleviated. Accordingly, the Fund Committees believe that approval
 10 of procedures authorizing the payment of interim compensation to estate professionals on a
 11 monthly basis is appropriate at this time, so long as the two conditions set forth below are
 12 approved by the Court and satisfied by the Debtors.

13 **Condition 1: The Fees Be Allocated Among The Debtors**

14 3. The Interim Fee Procedures Motion does not identify precisely which
 15 estate's assets will be the source of payments to which professionals under the proposed
 16 procedure and instead simply states that "the Debtors" will be authorized to make payments
 17 to the estate professionals.

18 4. The Fund Committees believe that any order approving the Interim Fee
 19 Procedures Motion should clearly state that each professional shall only be entitled to be paid
 20 only from the assets of the estate that employed the professional, subject to any substantial
 21

22
 23 ² The Fund Committees note that there is some ambiguity in the timing for the procedures set
 24 forth in paragraph 13 of the Interim Fee Procedures Motion. Specifically, the deadline by which
 25 Reviewing Parties must serve any objections to a particular monthly statement, as set forth in
 26 paragraph 13.b. of the Interim Fee Procedures Motion, is unclear. The procedures seem to
 27 require that, while the Reviewing Parties have until the 15th of the month following receipt of a
 28 monthly statement to review the monthly statement, the Reviewing Parties only have until the
 10th of that same month (i.e. 5 days earlier) to file any objection to the monthly statement. It
 does not make sense that the time to object should run before the review period has expired.
 The Fund Committees submit that it makes more sense for the objection deadline and the review
 period to coincide, or for the objection deadline to be shortly after the review period has expired
 and request that the Debtors clarify this ambiguity in their reply brief or at the hearing on the
 Interim Fee Procedures Motion.

1 contribution motion that may subsequently be filed by any professional or Committee and
 2 approved by the Court.

3 5. Moreover, as a condition of the Interim Fee Procedures Motion, the
 4 Debtors should be required to disclose how they are currently tracking and allocating fees on a
 5 debtor-by-debtor and loan-by-loan basis. The Fund Committees are pleased that the Debtors
 6 have agreed, and have represented to the Court that, in connection with the granting of the
 7 Interim Fee Procedures Motion, the Debtors' Professionals will provide to all of the official
 8 committees appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases no later than August 11, 2006 a statement of their
 9 fees and expenses to date which will allocate fees and expenses according to the Debtors'
 10 estate(s) on account of which such fees and expenses were incurred. The Debtors have further
 11 informed the Fund Committees that, thereafter, the Debtors' Professionals will provide monthly
 12 fee and expense statements that will allocate fees and expenses on an estate-by-estate basis.

13 6. Based on the Debtors' representations that they will allocate their
 14 professionals' fees and expenses for past services and also on a regular basis going forward, and
 15 so long as the Debtors are required to do so by any order approving the Interim Fee Procedures
 16 Motion, the Fund Committees believe that their concerns in this regard will be adequately
 17 addressed.

Condition 2: Distributions To Investors Commence Before Professionals Are Paid

19 7. A primary concern of the Fund Committees when the Debtors initially
 20 proposed the interim fee procedures was that implementation of such procedures at such an early
 21 stage in the Chapter 11 Cases was premature. At that time, the Debtors were still trying to sort
 22 through their finances to ascertain more fully their assets and liabilities, the status of each loan
 23 and investor, and to determine the cash flow potential of the Debtors' estates.

24 8. The Fund Committees' concern was exacerbated at that time by the fact
 25 that the timing contemplated by the Interim Fee Procedures Motion could result in the estates'
 26 professionals being paid before any distributions were made to the potentially thousands of
 27 investors entitled to receive interest payments in the Chapter 11 Cases.

1 9. Since that time, the Debtors have made substantial progress towards
 2 sorting out their books and records and have, among other things, mailed statements to all
 3 investors both as of the petition date and as of June 30, 2006.³ Moreover, the Court will hear
 4 the Debtors' motion to distribute funds to investors (as well as any arguments by the Fund
 5 Committees regarding that Motion) at the August 4 omnibus hearing. Thus, the prospect that
 6 investors soon will receive some distribution of cash from the Debtors' estates is no longer mere
 7 speculation and may soon be a reality.

8 10. Under these fairly recent circumstances, the Fund Committees no longer
 9 oppose approval of the Interim Fee Procedures Motion on the grounds that such procedures are
 10 premature, so long as any order approving the Interim Fee Procedures Motion makes clear that
 11 payments will not be made to the estates' professionals under the proposed procedures unless
 12 and until a meaningful distribution is first made to investors pursuant to an order approving the
 13 Debtors' distribution motion.⁴

14 **WHEREFORE**, the Fund Committees hereby request that the Court enter an
 15 order approving the Interim Fee Procedures Motion which includes provisions requiring the
 16 Debtors to allocate their fees and providing that no payments will be made to estate professionals
 17 until investors have begun receiving distributions, as set forth above.

18 Respectfully submitted this 28th day of July, 2006.

19

20

21

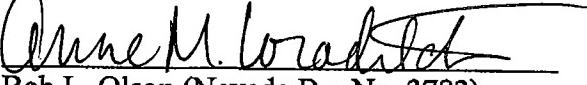
22

23

24 ³ The Debtors informed the Fund Committees that the investor statements as of June 30 were to
 25 be mailed the week of July 25, 2006. The Fund Committees are assuming that, by the time that
 26 the Interim Fee Procedures Motion will be heard on August 4, the mailing of those statements
 will have been completed by the Debtors.

27 ⁴ The Fund Committees do not necessarily agree upon the definition of a "meaningful
 28 distribution" in this context. The Fund Committees each reserve the right to withdraw their
 approval of the Interim Fee Procedures Motion if the distribution motion is approved, and the
 approved distribution amount is not "meaningful" to such committee.

1 SUBMITTED BY:

2 
3 Bob L. Olson (Nevada Bar No. 3783)
4 Anne M. Loraditch (Nevada Bar No. 8164)
5 BECKLEY SINGLETON, CHTD.
6 530 Las Vegas Boulevard South
7 Las Vegas, NV 89101
8 Telephone: (702) 385-3373

9 and

10 Marc A. Levinson (CA Bar No. 57613)
11 Lynn Trinka Ernce (CA Bar No. 179212)
12 ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP
13 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 3000
14 Sacramento, CA 95814-4497
15 Telephone: (916) 447-9200

16 Counsel for the Official Committee of Equity
17 Security Holders of USA Capital Diversified
18 Trust Deed Fund, LLC

19 SUBMITTED BY:

20 
21 James Patrick Shea (Nevada Bar No. 405)
22 Candace C. Carlyon (Nevada Bar No. 2666)
23 Shlomo S. Sherman (Nevada Bar No. 9688)
24 SHEA & CARLYON, LTD.
25 233 South Fourth Street, Second Floor
26 Las Vegas, NV 89101
27 Telephone: (702) 471-7432

28 and

29 Frank A. Merola (CA Bar No. 136934)
30 Eve H. Karasik (CA Bar No. 155356)
31 Christine M. Pajak (CA Bar No. 217173)
32 STUTMAN, TREISTER & GLATT, P.C.
33 1901 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor
34 Los Angeles, CA 90067
35 Telephone: (310) 228-5600

36 Counsel for the Official Committee of Equity
37 Security Holders of USA Capital First Trust
38 Deed Fund, LLC